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TAGS: PDEV, RH, US, UK, KE

SUBJECT: RHODESIA: APPROACH TO HOST GOVERNMENTS

REF: STATE 141940

1. I MET WITH BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER TO KENYA FINGLAND THIS MORNING TO DISCUSS APPROACH ON RHODESIA AS DISCUSSED IN REFTEL. BRITISH TOOK OCCASION OF VISIT OF TED ROWLANDS THIS PAST WEKK TO MAKE APPROACH ON RHODESIA TO KENYAN ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER JAMES OSOGO. ROWLANDS TALKING POINTS SUBSTANTIALY THOSE OUTLINED REFTEL, BUT WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS UPON NEED FOR MODERATE COUNTRIES LIKE KENYA TO GIVE STRONGER PUBLIC SUPPORT TO EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN SO THAT IT MIGHT HAVE AN EVEN CHANCE TO SUCCEED. BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER REPORTS THAT OSOGO WAS UNDERSTANDING AND SYMPATHETIC TO ROWLANDS' PLEAS FOR GREATER REASONABLENESS ON PART OF OAU MEMBERS AND FEELS THAT OSOGO WILL ATTEMPT TO CONVEY A SENSE OF THIS ATTITUDE TO FONMIN WAIYAKI WHEN THE LATTER RETURNS FROM THE DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK.

2. COMMENT: WITH THE OAU MINISTERIAL AND HEADS OF STATE MEETINGS COMING SO SOON AFTER THE EVENTS OF THE  
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PAST COUPLE OF WEEKS AND THE GROWING SINISTER INTERPRETATION THAT IS BEING GIVEN, EVEN AMONG RESPONSIBLE AFRICAN LEADERS, TO THE PARIS AND BRUSSELS CONFERENCES ON ZAIRE, I AM NOT SANGUINE ABOUT HOW INFLUENTIAL THE MODERATES WILL BE IN KHARTOUM. THOUGHTFUL AFRICANS HAVE NEVER CONSIDERED USG INTERESTS IN AFRICA TO BE IDENTICAL WITH OUR WESTERN EUROPEAN ALLIES, PARTICULARLY THE BELGIAN,

BRITISH AND FRENCH, AND HITHERTOFORE HAVE NOT BEEN AS  
SUSPICIOUS OF OUR MOTIVATIONS AS THEY HAVE, WITH REASON,  
CONTINUED TO SUSPECT THOSE OF OUR SAID ALLIES. HOWEVER,  
THE APPARENT HASTE AND EASE WITH WHICH OUR ASSOCIATION  
WITH THE CONTROVERSIAL INITIATIVES OF OUR ALLIES ON THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTER AFRICAN PEACEKEEPING FORCE  
TOOK PLACE WILL PROBABLY PROVOKE EVEN SOME MODERATE STATES  
TO DOUBT THE SINCERITY OF OUR INTENTIONS. WITH SUCH  
A PERVASIVE AIR OF SUSPICION THE DOMINANT FEELING AT  
KHARTOUM, WHETHER PALPABLE OR NOT, WILL PROBABLY BE ONE  
OF CYNICISM AND MISTRUST, AFFECTING EVEN THE RESPONSIBLY  
MODERATE STATES.  
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